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FOR: SKIN COSMETIC COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed March 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 and 4-19.

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The skin cosmetic composition according to Claim 20, wherein said hydrogel particles further comprise an emulsifying agent or dispersing agent.

3. (Amended) The skin cosmetic composition according to Claim 20, wherein said non-crosslinked hydrogel is agar or gelatin.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A skin cosmetic composition comprising hydrogel particles and an aqueous medium, wherein the hydrogel particles are dispersed in the aqueous medium, and